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Network Objects using a
Configurable Platform-
Independent Gateway

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 20, 2005

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 20, 2005, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.